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FOR: A Method for Arbitrating
Bandwidth in a Communications
Switch

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Sir:

This is a timely reply to an Office Action dated December 18,
2002 (Paper #5). As the claims now number 24 with only two
independent claims, the small entity fee of \$36 is included for
the four claims in excess of 20.

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AMENDMENT

Please add new claims 13-24 as follows

13. An apparatus for arbitrating bandwidth in a communications
switch, comprising:

a) means for generating a repeating data frame having a
plurality of rows;